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SUBJECT: US PUBLIC STANCE ON PORTUGUESE AFRICAN COLONIES

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1. FONMIN MALECELA'S STATEMENT TO EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM THAT MANY LEADERS IN AFRICA BELIEVE US IS ADVISING PORTUGAL TO GO SLOW ON DECOLONIZATION CORRESPONDS WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM VARIETY OF SOURCES HERE.

2. WE NOTE THAT, WHILE FRELIMO HAS NOT PUBLICLY REACTED TO SPINOLA'S JULY 27 SPEECH OR TO GOP-WALDHEIM COMMUNIQUE, NEVERTHELESS OAU PRESIDENT SIAD AND NIGERIAN PRESIDENT GOWON HAVE WELCOMED SPINOLA DECLARATION. WE ALSO NOTE FROM PRESS REPORT HERE THAT BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE ISSUED COMMUNIQUE WELCOMING STATEMENT IN GOP-WALDHEIM COMMUNIQUE THAT GOP
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PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU, STATING THAT, AS SOON AS PORTUGAL RECOGNIZED, UK WOULD CONSIDER DOING SO, AND

SUPPLEMENTED BY REMARKS BY FONOFF SPOKESMAN THAT HMG WELCOMES
"NEW INITIATIVES TOWARD SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF ANGOLA
AND MOZAMBIQUE".

3. WE AGREE IN GENERAL WITH EMBASSY DAR'S COMMENT, RECOGNIZING
HOWEVER THAT TIMING AND NATURE OF STATEMENT ARE EXTREMELY
COMPLICATED IN VIEW OF DIFFERENTIATED SITUATIOF IN PORTUGAL'S
FOUR AFRICAN TERRITORIES AND NEED TO AVOID GENERALIZATIONS
WITH POSSIBLY UNFAVORABLE IMPLICATIONS ELSEWHERE IN WORLD/
SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER SPECIFIC STATEMENT
WITHIN UN CONTEXT ON PORTUGAL'S INITIATIVES IN AFRICA ALONG
LINES TAKEN BY UK FONOFF. THIS COULD BE HELPFUL, NOW AND IN
FUTURE, IN ALLAYING AFRICAN SUSPICIONS AND PROTECTING OUR
INTERESTS.
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